

Northern Arizona University
INSTITUTE FOR TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS
The Tribal Environmental Compliance Inspector Training Program

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1. Introduction

Proposal

In the last 20 years tribal environmental programs have increased dramatically in authority and scope. Reauthorization of environmental statutes has greatly increased tribal environmental regulatory capacity. Currently tribal programs across the US are at various stages of environmental regulatory development. Many tribes have developed comprehensive codes and ordinances under their inherent sovereign authority and many more are seeking or proposing federal delegation responsibilities under authorized environmental statutes. As tribes develop programs they are also implementing associated compliance activities. One critical compliance activity is the capability to conduct civil environmental inspections. Tribes are authorized to conduct civil environmental inspections under tribal authority. Tribes may also obtain delegated authority to conduct inspections on behalf of USEPA. The ability to pursue this scope of authority is established between USEPA and tribal governments explicitly. Training for tribal environmental inspectors is necessary to build environmental capacity and strengthen environmental protection in Indian Country.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) has developed a comprehensive training program for tribal civil environmental compliance inspectors. ITEP has delivered three compliance courses and has gained extensive experience in providing environmental training for tribal programs nationwide. In 2002 ITEP developed and delivered the *Tribal Basic Inspector Training* and the *Media Specific: FIFRA Training*. In completing three courses ITEP provided training to 55 tribal representatives that work in the capacity of compliance assistance and support civil inspection activities. In preparing these training courses ITEP utilized a development approach that includes tribal experts, USEPA staff, NAU faculty and other distinguished resources. Based on the post-training course evaluations the ITEP inspector training was well received and highly regarded by the participants.

2. Training Courses

The *Tribal Basic Inspector Training* course was adapted from the course initially developed by the National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI). The course materials were reviewed and changes were made to reflect tribally relevant issues. Tribal inspectors who had extensive experience were identified and selected as instructors for the training. Key program personnel from USEPA and NETI were also identified and part of the instructional team. The course is delivered over 4 days and covers 15 sections, a tribal case study and a hands-on mock inspection.

The *Media Specific: FIFRA Training* course was developed in association with the USEPA FIFRA training program. Key information was collected from various sources including the *Pesticides Residential Training Program: Pesticide Use Inspection Manual*. A course agenda was developed and instructors were identified. Members of the Tribal Pesticides Program Council (TPPC) reviewed the agenda and topics. The course was delivered over 4 days and covered 17 sections and a hands on mock inspection.

The Media Specific: NPDES Training course is under development. The NPDES course is being developed from existing USEPA materials. ITEP staff are outlining and discussing key issues which

will establish the course learning objectives. Once the objectives are established the materials will be adapted to reflect tribal issues and applications. The course will cover 4 days and include a case study and mock inspection

3. Scope of Work

In FY 2003 ITEP will continue to deliver the Tribal Compliance Inspector Training Courses. The performance period for this program is July 1, 2003- September 30, 2004. Five courses are currently scheduled for this fiscal year. The five courses are:

1. The Media Specific NPDES Course: Las Vegas, NV July 29-August 1, 2003
2. Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Seattle, WA, August 12-15, 2003
3. The Media Specific FIFRA Course: Mesa, AZ September 16-19, 2003
4. Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Mesa, AZ December 9-12, 2003
5. Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Albany, NY April 13-16, 2004

Tasks

ITEP is responsible for collecting training materials, designing the curriculum and identifying instructors and other experts to review and provide guidance on the developing of course. ITEP will modify each training course to the needs of the inspectors attending the training. ITEP will prepare training announcements/registrations, generate mailing lists, and collect registrations. ITEP will coordinate travel logistic for training participants and instructors. ITEP will coordinate with USEPA in finalizing all materials for the course. At the conclusion of each course ITEP will conduct a course evaluation.

Deliverables

A training manual (for each course), agendas and associated materials including hands on instructions, course generated reports and photographs will be made available. A summary course evaluation and report will also be provided.

Certificates of attendance will also be generated and sent to each participant in accordance with ITEP's training policy.

Schedule of Activities

Date	Task/Activity	Training Course
July 1- July 20, 2003	Prepare & send out training announcement Collect & approve registrations Identify instructors Collect & review Materials Develop training manual Coordinate logistics	The Media Specific NPDES Course: Las Vegas, NV July 29-August 1, 2003
July 11 – August 8, 2003	Prepare & send out training announcement Collect & approve registrations Identify instructors Collect & Review materials	Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Seattle, WA, August 12-15, 2003

	Develop training manual Coordinate logistics	
August 11 - September 12, 2003	Prepare & Send out training announcement Collect & approve registrations Identify instructors Collect & review materials Develop training manual Coordinate logistics	The Media Specific FIFRA Course: Mesa, AZ September 16-19, 2003
October 1 - December 5, 2003	Prepare & Send out training announcement Collect & approve registrations Identify instructors Collect & review materials Develop training manual Coordinate logistics	Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Mesa, AZ December 9-12, 2003
December 15 - April 9, 2004	Prepare & Send out training announcement Collect & approve registrations Identify instructors Collect & review materials Develop training manual Coordinate logistics	Tribal Basic Inspector Course: Albany, NY April 13-16, 2004

5. Reporting

Quarterly Progress Reports will be provided within 30 days of the conclusion of each performance quarter.

1st Quarter July - October 2003, Report date: November 30, 2003

2nd Quarter September 2003 - January 2004, Report date: February 27, 2004

3rd Quarter February - May 2004, Report date: June 30, 2004

4th Quarter June - September 2004, Report date: October 15, 2004

Final Program Report: October 31, 2004

6. Program Personnel

1. Program Manager
2. Research Specialist
3. Webmaster

4. Administrative Assistant
5. Editor
6. Student Worker
7. Budget Manager

7. Budget

A program budget is attached which identifies all costs associated to the development and delivery of the Tribal Compliance Inspector Training